

***PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT***  
***U. S. Application No. 10/623,658***

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Along with the present Amendment, Applicant submits a substitute specification, excluding the claims. The changes in the specification and claims do not represent new matter. Further, the changes in the specification and the new claims are fully supported by the application as originally filed and/or the foreign priority documents, which are incorporated into the present application by reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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